

REMARKS

A Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application, a Request for Continued Examination, a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address , and a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) were submitted with this amendment.

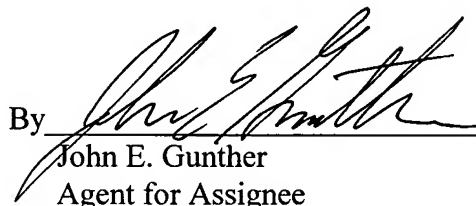
Claims 1 - 16 are presently pending. In the final Office Action dated October 3, 2003, the Examiner rejected Claims 1- 5, 10, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fisher ('612). Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher. Claims 8, 9 and 11 - 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, these claims were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 was allowed. No basis was given for the rejection of Claim 16.

The indication of allowable subject is gratefully acknowledged. By this Paper, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to require a first dielectric layer and one or more additional dielectric layers, with the dielectric layers separated by spacers to maintain a uniform air layer between adjacent dielectric layers. Thus claim 1 now effectively incorporates the limitations of previous claims 3, 5 and 8. As indicated in the final Office Action, Claim 1 and the associated depending claims should now be allowable. Claims 3, 5, 8, and 17 have been canceled. Minor amendments were made to claims 4, 9, and 10 for consistency with amended claim 1 and to establish proper dependency. Claim 16 was amended to incorporate the unique features from claims 3, 5, and 8.

Applicant holds that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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